

Hi Rachel,

To address your questions we have outlined the details of the additional chemicals that were present in the contaminated products. We have also provided you with a response that clarifies the risk assessment made by APVMA scientists to determine that the impurities did not pose a risk to human health provided that the products were used according to the label directions.

APVMA Response

In 2016-17 the APVMA were advised that several herbicide products had been found to contain additional chemical actives to those listed in the APVMA registered formulation. A thorough investigation undertaken by APVMA compliance officers determined that the contamination of Ramrod Flowable, Gesagard 500SC and Primextra Gold resulted from a fault in manufacturing process. Following this investigation, we have continued to test samples of these products multiple times over 24 months to ensure they remain safe and effective.

APVMA expert scientists assessed the data provided by registrants and that collected through the investigation, estimated the dietary exposure and determined that the contaminated products did not pose a risk to human health or safety provided that people followed the label instructions.

Full details of the products and batch numbers subject to recall action are available from the product manufacturers.

The level and nature of the contaminants in the affected products varied from batch to batch, but included the following additional active constituents not listed on the registered formulations:

Diﬂufenican
Prometryn
Propachlor
Simazine
Thidiazuron
Atrazine

In August 2017 the APVMA took action against Accensi Pty Ltd, issuing the manufacturer with cumulative fines totalling \$100 000 for the supply of herbicides found to contain additional chemical actives other than those listed in the registered formulation.

Manufacturers like Accensi, have a duty of care to consumers and a legal requirement under agvet law to produce a product that matches the registered formulation. In addition to settling the infringement notices, Accensi entered an Enforceable Undertaking to mitigate further risk in their manufacturing process and ensure contamination control of all SC Herbicide products.

The APVMA updated its product recall policy in 2017 to ensure all recalls are required to be published on the APVMA website, and we updated our online recall guidance documentation.

